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SUBJECT: WEST AFRICAN EXPLOSIVES AND CHEMICALS, LIMITED
(EXCHEM)

1. FOLLOWING LETTER RECEIVED ON MAY 23 FROM EXCHEM, 5401 WOODLANDS BLVD., TAMARAC, FLORIDA 33319.
 2. QUOTE: WEST AFRICAN EXPLOSIVES AND CHEMICALS, LTD. (EXCHEM), HARBEL, LIBERIA, MANUFACTURERS OF EXPLOSIVES IN LIBERIA FOR USE BY THE IRON ORE MINES THERE AND FOR EXPORT
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TO NEIGHBORING WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES IS A SUBSIDIARY OF I.C.I. AMERICA OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

EXCHEM HAS BEEN SUPPLYING EXPLOSIVES TO USERS IN GUINEA INCLUDING, FOR EXAMPLE, CBG.

DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS OR SO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA

HAS INDICATED THAT IT INTENDS TO ESTABLISH AN EXPLOSIVES PLANT IN GUINEA. TO THIS END IT HAS SET UP A COMPANY SOGEX WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY MANUFACTURE CERTAIN TYPES OF EXPLOSIVES AND HAVE AN IMPORT MONOPOLY OF BLASTING ACCESSORIES, ETC.

EXCHEM HAS DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH SOGEX AND EVEN THOUGH WE BELIEVE THAT ANY TYPE OF EXPLOSIVES PLANT IN GUINEA, AT THIS TIME AND IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WOULD NOT BE ECONOMICALLY VIABLE, WE HAVE INDICATED THAT WE WOULD BE WILLING TO WORK WITH SOGEX IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PLANT, THE SUPPLYING OF THE KNOW-HOW AND RAW MATERIALS, THE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL, ETC.

IN ORDER TO GET SOME IDEA OF THE KIND AND SIZE OF PLANT SOGEX HAS IN MIND, WE HAVE WRITTEN AND CABLED FOR INFORMATION. ALL COMMUNICATIONS HAVE GONE UNANSWERED. THEREFORE, EXCHEM'S GENERAL MANAGER, MR. ANDRE BOILY, HAS VISITED SOGEX SEVERAL TIMES. HIS LAST VISIT WHICH TOOK PLACE ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO WAS RELATIVELY FRUITFUL.

BE THAT AS IT MAY, MR. ANDRE BOILY AND/OR MR. RICHARD SHAW WILL PROBABLY BE VISITING CONAKRY THE END OF THIS MONTH. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO YOU IF YOU WOULD INFORM THE EMBASSY ABOUT THIS MATTER. WE WILL SUGGEST TO MR. BOILY AND MR. SHAW THAT THE EMBASSY MAY BE ABLE TO BE OF SOME ASSISTANCE, AND TO THAT END A VISIT SHOULD BE MADE TO THE EMBASSY SOON AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN CONAKRY. SINCERELY, JOSEPH M. BAIRD, DIRECTOR. END QUOTE.
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3. REQUEST EMBASSY RENDER APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE IF CALLED UPON.

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